

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A locking apparatus that is releasably securable within a landing nipple of a tubing string, the locking apparatus comprising:
 - a tool housing with an associated inner mandrel;
 - a locking member that is radially moveable with respect to the tool housing, the locking member being selectively disposable into a landing nipple receptacle to secure the locking apparatus within the tubing string;
 - a packing seal retained upon the inner mandrel, the packing seal being ~~axially compressible~~ expandable; and
 - a ~~compression loading~~ loading member associated with the tool housing for selective loading ~~axial compression~~ of the packing seal to urge the packing seal into sealing engagement with the tubing string.
2. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tool housing is interconnectable with well control tools.
3. (Currently Amended) The locking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~compression loading~~ loading member is actuated to compress the packing seal by axially translating the inner mandrel with respect to the tool housing.
4. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the packing seal comprises a chevron packing seal member.
5. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the packing seal comprises a multiple chevron seal members in a stacked configuration.
6. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a locking dog cage and wherein the locking member comprises a locking dog that is urged radially outwardly through a slot in the locking dog cage.

7. (Currently Amended) The locking apparatus of claim 6 wherein the ~~compression~~ loading member comprises a ram end of the locking dog cage.

8. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 1 wherein the packing seal comprises a dynamic seal assembly.

9. (Currently Amended) A locking apparatus that is releasably securable within a landing nipple of a tubing string, the locking apparatus comprising:

a tool housing with an associated inner mandrel;

a locking member that is radially moveable with respect to the tool housing, the locking member being selectively disposable into a landing nipple receptacle to secure the locking apparatus within the tubing string;

a packing seal retained upon the inner mandrel, the packing seal being expandable ~~axially compressible~~;

a ~~compression~~ loading member associated with the tool housing for selective ~~axial compression~~ loading of the packing seal to urge the packing seal into sealing engagement with the tubing string; and

a locking dog cage and wherein the locking member comprises a locking dog that is urged radially outwardly through a slot in the locking dog cage.

10. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 9 wherein the ~~compression~~ loading member is actuated to compress the packing seal by axially translating the inner mandrel with respect to the tool housing.

11. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 9 wherein the packing seal comprises a chevron packing seal member.

12. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 9 wherein the packing seal comprises a multiple chevron seal members in a stacked configuration.

13. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 9 wherein the packing seal comprises a dynamic seal assembly.

14. (Original) The locking apparatus of claim 9 wherein the ~~compression~~ loading member comprises a ram end of the locking dog cage.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a locking apparatus within a tubing string comprising the steps of:

disposing the locking apparatus within a tubing string to a location adjacent a landing nipple;

moving a locking member radially outwardly from the locking apparatus and into locking engagement with a landing nipple receptacle; and

~~axially compressing~~ loading a packing seal on the locking apparatus to urge the packing seal radially outwardly into sealing engagement with the tubing string.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of securing the locking apparatus to at least one well control tool prior to disposing the locking apparatus in the tubing string.